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SUBJ: MICRONESIA CLAIMS

REFS: A. STATUS LNO 342; B. STATUS LNO 313C; C. STATE 47663

SUMMARY: HAMANAKA, FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION, BRIEFED EMBOFF  
ON MEETING BETWEEN YAGI, HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY RELIEF  
BUREAU HEAD, AND SAIPANESE MUNA AND SABLAN. MUNA ASKED FOR  
YAGI'S HELP IN OBTAINING GOJ EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR MARIANA  
RESIDENTS WHO SERVED IN FORMER IMPERIAL ARMY AND WERE IMPRISONED  
AT END OF HOSTILITIES BY US FORCES, BUT WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN  
REFUSED COMPENSATION BY MICRONESIA CLAIMS COMMISSION. YAGI  
EXPRESSED SYMPATHY, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT  
ON POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL GOJ PAYMENTS BEYOND  
1969 USG-GOJ MICRONESIA CLAIMS AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOV 28 YAGI HAD LUNCH WITH MUNA AND SABLAN  
(REF A). MUNA, WITH SABLAN AS INTERPRETER, PRESENTED YAGI  
WITH COPY OF MARIANA DISTRICT LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION 34 WHICH  
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HE SAID WAS PASSED ON FEB 15, 1974. CASES AT ISSUE INVOLVE

FIFTY-TWO MARIANA RESIDENTS WHO SERVED WITH JAPANESE ARMY AS INTERPRETERS AND SERVICE WORKERS IN GUAM, NEW GUINEA AND RABAUL. AFTER CAPTURE, MEN WERE IMPRISONED BY US FORCES AND RELEASED SEVERAL MONTHS TO ONE YEAR AFTER END OF HOSTILITIES. ALLEGEDLY, ALL WERE DENIED COMPENSATION BY MICRONESIA CLAIMS COMMISSION. MARIANA DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS TRYING TO CONVINCE GOJ OF ITS MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPENSATE THOSE STILL ALIVE AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED.

3. MUNSA REPORTEDLY TOLD YAGI THAT LEGISLATURE HAS SENT RESOLUTION 34 THROUGH HICOM TO APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES. MUNA SAID MARIANA LEGISLATURE WILL SEND ANOTHER DELEGATION TO JAPAN TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH GOJ OFFICIALS AS EARLY AS JAN OR FEB 1975 IF USG DOES NOT RPT NOT TAKE ACTION AS REQUESTED IN RESOLUTION. YAGI EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH POST-CAPTURE PLIGHT, BUT REFUSED TO COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT GOJ COMPENSATION. MUNA AND SABLAN LEFT FOR SAIPAN NOV 29.

4. EMBOFF CAUTIONED HAMANAKA ABOUT GOJ INVOLVEMENT IN CLAIMS CASES THAT ARE COVERED BY 1971 MICRONESIA CLAIMS AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE POSTWAR CLAIMS ARE UNDER ARTICLE II PROVISIONS GRANTING COMPENSATION FOR MICRONESIANS HARMED FOLLOWING US TAKEOVER. HAMANAKA AGREED THAT IF MARIANA DISTRICT LEGISLATURE DELEGATION OR OTHER MICRONESIA CLAIMS-SEEKING DELEGATIONS SHOULD APPROACH FONOFF DIRECTLY, HE WILL REFER THEM TO EMBASSY.

5. FOR STATUS LNO: REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF CASES INVOLVED, INCLUDING ACTION BY MICRONESIA CLAIMS COMMISSION. DO THESE MARIANA CLAIMS DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM PONAPEAN CLAIMS FOR SERVICE IN JAPANESE ARMY THAT ARE BEING ADJUDICATED (REF B)?

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIONS TO GOJ BY PRIVATE CLAIMANTS (SUCH AS DANNY LOPEZ), ITINERANT DISTRICT LEGISLATORS, AND "OFFICIAL" LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS (WHETHER DISTRICT OR CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA) IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPRESS ON FONOFF NECESSITY OF EMBOFF PRESENCE IN OFFICIAL MEETINGS OR  
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH MICRONESIA DELEGATIONS (REF C).  
END COMMENT.  
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